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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:) A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
McARTHUR JONES) PRODUCING INFORMATION
Serial No. To Be Assigned) REGARDING THE OPERATION OF A
Filing Date: Herewith) NETWORKED SYSTEM
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Please amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the attached Abstract page as page 26 of the specification.

IN CLAIMS

Please amend claims as follows.

1. (Original) A method of producing operational information regarding the operation of a networked system, the system including entities arranged to communicate over the network, the method including the steps of:
obtaining system configuration information regarding the configuration of the system;
continuously monitoring activity of the system to obtain system activity information; and
combining the system configuration information with the system activity information to obtain real time operational information.
2. (Original) A method according to claim 1 wherein the system configuration information includes details of the topology of the system.
3. (Original) A method according to claim 1 wherein the system configuration information is